



TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

1. **EXPLAIN** to your child that working on Smarty Ants will help them to continue their learning while they are away from school, prepare them and their teachers for returning to school, and to get them ready for their next grade level.
2. **MAKE A PLAN** together with your child on how to spend their time at home and when they will be working on school activities. It can be helpful to create a plan in writing and hang it somewhere visible to your child. Remember to follow any instructions given by the teacher.
3. **SHARE** the experience with your child. Both you and your child can learn the different parts of the Smarty Ants Virtual World. You can observe your child as they work through the different parts of a lesson.
4. **ENCOURAGE** your child to do their best work. Emphasize “thinking before clicking”, because just clicking through will not be a good use of their time and will not reflect what your child knows.
5. **TRACK AND DISCUSS PROGRESS.** Regularly review progress with your student. Parents can create their own Parent account to allow them to track progress, usage and additional printable resources. Teachers can send a link to parents to set up their account. A good goal is to be on Smarty Ants for a minimum of 20 minutes per day. Schools/Teachers may have other guidelines and time frames to follow.
6. **CELEBRATE** your child’s progress. Celebrating milestones such as passing a lesson or level, meeting their daily usage goals, and earning Smarty Coins can help keep students motivated and engaged. Celebrations can be shared with the rest of the family and maybe even a fun activity as a reward.
7. **MIX UP** activities. As you plan how your student will spend their learning time, ensure they are getting a variety of things to do (examples: online, art, paper and pencil, book reading, physical activities)